

# ERIK YUAN ZHANG

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b>	2021–Present
Postdoctoral Fellow/Teaching Assistant Professor	
Core Faculty in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program	

## EDUCATION

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<b>Princeton University</b> , PhD in Philosophy	2015–2021
Dissertation: <i>Making the Numbers Count Without Counting the Numbers: An Individualist Account of Interpersonal Trade-offs</i>	
Advisors: Johann Frick & Michael Smith	
<b>Queen's University</b> , BA and MA in Philosophy	2010–2015

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Normative Ethics; Metaethics; Applied Ethics; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Social and Political Philosophy; Epistemology; Legal Philosophy; Philosophy of Action

## PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

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### *Publication*

"Individualist Theories and Interpersonal Aggregation," *Ethics*. Forthcoming.

### *In Progress*

"Promising To Do Wrong"

"Wishful Thinking and Normative Powers"

"Chance, Cost, and Complaint"

"Justifying Partiality"

"Grounding Promissory Obligations"

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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### Princeton University

Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship ( <i>declined</i> ) <i>This fellowship is an honorific award reserved for four graduate students who, in the judgement of the University faculty, demonstrate the highest scholarly excellence. Only one award is reserved for students across the Humanities. (\$45,000)</i>	2021
The Malcomb S. Forbes Merit Fellowship	2019
Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship	2018
The Bayard Henry, Class of 1876, Graduate Fellowship	2016
University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize	2015

### Queen's University

Andrew Halkett Fellowship in Philosophy	2014
Gordon & Myrtle Adam Scholarship	2012
Epistemology and Metaphysics Prize	2012
M.C. Urquhart Prize in Economics	2011

## TALKS & COMMENTS

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"Promising To Do Wrong" UNC PPE Workshop	2023
"Future People and Present Challenges: Comment on Andreas Schmidt" Dartmouth Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop	2023
"Justifying Partiality" Harvard University	2022
"A Review of Matthew Adler's <i>Measuring Social Welfare</i> " PPE Society Annual Meeting	2022
"Chance, Cost, and Complain" UNC PPE Workshop	2022
"Wishful Thinking and Normative Powers" University of Calgary	2021
"Wishful Thinking and Normative Powers" University of British Columbia	2021
"Individualist Theories and Interpersonal Aggregation" NYU	2021
"Wishful Thinking and Normative Powers" Johns Hopkins University	2021
"Taurek and Saving the Many: Comment on Zach Barnett" Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference	2021
"Wrongdoing Without Wronging" Princeton Dissertation Seminar	2019

“Are All Practical Reasons Teleological?” ANU-Humboldt-Princeton Summer Institute on Practical Normativity	2019
“Resisting Pure Aggregation” Oxford-Princeton-UC Davis Graduate Conference	2019
“The Priority of the Moral over the Non-Moral” Princeton Dissertation Seminar	2018
“The Priority of the Moral over the Non-Moral” ANU-Humboldt-Princeton Summer Institute on Practical Normativity	2018
“The Priority of the Moral over the Non-Moral” Michigan-Princeton Metanormativity Workshop	2018
“The Ethics of Risk-Imposition” Princeton Philosophical Society	2017
“Non-Naturalism and the Rejection of Supervenience” Michigan-Princeton Metanormativity Workshop	2017
“On Grabelsky’s ‘Intra-Group Epistemic Ignorance’” CUNY-Princeton Workshop on Epistemic Injustice	2017
“Excuse and Wrongdoing: Comment on Bruno” Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2016
“Blame and Relationship: Comment on Stout” APA Central	2016

## TEACHING

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### **Instructor**

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: Capstone Course	Fall 2023
Philosophy of Law	Fall 2023
Honors Thesis	Fall 2023
<i>I am currently supervising two honors theses, one on the topic of free speech and the other on the topic of practical encroachment in epistemology.</i>	
Biomedical Ethics	Spring 2023
Philosophy of Law	Spring 2023
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: Gateway Course	Fall 2022
Philosophy of Law	Fall 2022
Business Ethics	Spring 2022
Philosophy of Law	Fall 2021
Contemporary Moral Issues (The College of New Jersey)	Fall 2018

### **Assistant Instructor & Teaching Assistant**

Freedom and Responsibility (Gideon Rosen/Princeton)	Spring 2018
Explaining Values (Michael Smith/Princeton)	Fall 2017
Systematic Ethics (Gilbert Harman/Princeton)	Spring 2017
Metaphysics (Boris Kment/Princeton)	Fall 2016
Great Works of Philosophy (Deborah Knight/Queen's)	2014/2015
Philosophy of Literature (K. Gordon-Solmon/Queen's)	Spring 2014

#### SERVICE & EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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Member, Search Committee for Teaching Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program (UNC)	2022&2023
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	2022&2023
Faculty Advisor, UNC Improve Comedy: False Profits	2023-2024
Presenter, Philosophy in 15 Minutes (UNC)	2022
Panelist, UNC Global Ethics Month	2021
Co-Organizer, Departmental Social Committee (Princeton)	2019-2020
Departmental Representative to Graduate School (Princeton)	2019-2020
Resident Graduate Student, Princeton Butler College	2018-2020
Organizer, Princeton Ethics Reading Group	2018-2020
Co-organizer, Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy	2016-2020
Co-organizer, Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2016-2017
Co-organizer, Princeton-Rutgers-Penn Social Epistemology Workshop	2016-2017
Reviewer for <i>Analysis</i> ; <i>Bioethics</i> ; <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> ; <i>Ergo</i> ; <i>Ethics</i> ; <i>Journal of Applied Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of Political Philosophy</i> ; <i>Philosophical Studies</i>	

#### REFERENCES

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Johann Frick Associate Professor of Philosophy UC Berkeley jfrick@berkeley.edu	Gideon Rosen Stuart Professor of Philosophy Princeton University grosen@princeton.edu
Michael Smith McCosh Professor of Philosophy Princeton University msmith@princeton.edu	